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SUBJECT: FNLA OFFICIALS ARRIVE IN LUANDA

- 1. ON JANUARY 29 A FNLA DELEGATION HEADED BY JOHNNY EDUARDO ARRIVED IN LUANDA ON BOARD PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S DC-10 AT 1300 AND WAS GREETED BY A VERY SPARSE CROWD OF FNLA FAITHFUL. THE GROUP DID NOT LIKE THE SIZE OF THE RECEPTION AND TOOK OFF TO WAIT FOR A LARGER TURNOUT. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON MORE FNLA SUPPORTERS ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT IN CHARTERED BUSES AND TRUCKS, SWELLING THE CROWD TO PERHAPS ONE THOUSAND. THE DELEGATION THEN RETURNED TO LUANDA AND DISEMBARKED AT 1700.
- 2. NEWS OF THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL HAD BEEN CARRIED IN THE PRESS BUT APPARENTLY FNLA'S LOCAL ORGANIZATION DID NOT COORDINATE MATTERS VERY WELL. IN CONTRAST, 15,000 TO 20,000 WERE AT THE AIRPORT IN NOVEMBER WHEN THE FIRST FNLA DELEGATION ARRIVED. LUANDA'S PAPERS GLOSSED OVER THE POOR TURNOUT THIS TIME, PROBABLY OUT OF FEAR OF BEING BEATEN UP, AND GAVE THEIR MAJOR PLAY TO THE LARGE CROWD THAT GREETED SAVIMBI IN LOBITO (SEPTEL). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. I LISTENED TO THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION BROADCAST OF THE FNLA ARRIVAL. THE ANNOUNCER KEPT REPEATING HOW LARGE THE CROWD WAS AND WHAT A WONDERFUL RECEPTION FOR THE SUPERB FNLA DELEGATION. HE ANNOUNCED AT THE SAME TIME THAT HENDRIK VAAL NETO WILL BE THE FNLA SECRETARY OF INFORMATION.

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